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Two Years of War.

Two years ago today Germany declared war on Russia. Since that time Europe has been a seething hell and every part of the earth has felt the effect. Two days before Austria had declared war upon her little neighbor, Serbia, because that country would not submit to all of her demands growing out of the killing of an arch duke of Austria by a Serbian student in Bosnia. Two days after her declaration of war on Russia, Germany started the European nightmare by declaring war upon France and hurling her armies into Belgium. For nearly all of the two years the successes have been with Germany and those who lined up with her in the war. It had long been the German theory that when the long expected war should break out Germany must win quickly if she were to win at all. German leaders were confident of success and expected to have the war over and the map of Europe remade in a few months. But at the beginning of the third year, she not only has not won the war, but is on the defensive everywhere. In nine weeks the German invasion of France had been rolled back at the Marne and since that time the invaders have only held their own. In the early stages of the war Russia had great successes over Austria, but before the first year of fighting had passed Russian armies were fleeing everywhere before the combined hosts of Germans and Austrians. The great drive against the Russians having spent its force, Germany and Austria then wheeled their mighty armies into the Balkans and cleared out every vestige of Allied strength. In the first months of the second year of the war it looked as if everything had gone satisfactorily for the Germans. By the first of this year they determined to again turn their attention to crushing France and on February 23 last, began the mighty lunge against Verdun, which though halted, has been kept up furiously until the English and French counter drive began on the Somme the first of last month. The third year of the war begins with the Allies hopeful and pressing the fight everywhere, all the German colonies gone, and all her commerce swept from the seas.

The fearful cost of the war in life, suffering and treasure, will never be found out. The greatest battles and the longest campaigns in the world's history heretofore were no more than mere skirmishes compared to the great battles of this war. Such charges as were made at Gettysburg, Waterloo, and all such landmarks in blood and bravery, would comprise no more than a day's detail in this war. The eight largest powers engaged in the war now are estimated to be spending all told \$72,000,000 per day. The loss of life is estimated in the millions and this takes no account of the loss to non-combatants in the devastated countries.

All along the Allies have known that they must have time to organize their resources and that German victory was inevitable while this time was elapsing. With England holding the sea, France the western line, Italy the southern line against the Austrians, and the Russians, though defeated, saving their armies, the time was gained, and now Germany is no longer able to dash her immense armies from side to side, and is everywhere on the defensive. But the war is not yet over and may not be till after the time of three years set by Kitchener has expired.

The Typhoid Campaign.

The typhoid campaign was started yesterday morning at Wingate. There was a large attendance both at Wingate and Marshville—the total number at these two places was about 700. The campaign started at the same time in Stanly county and is just being finished in Mecklenburg. Union county wants to exceed both these counties in number to be taken. Dr. Carstaphen, of Wake Forest, who has charge of the matter in this county, says that judging by yesterday's results he thinks we can easily make Union the banner county. He remarked that no colored people took the treatment yesterday and expressed regret at this fact. We want everybody to take it—both white and black. We hope that the colored people will avail themselves of this opportunity and we suggest that the landlords and white men generally in the various communities will urge their tenants, especially the colored ones, to take the treatment. In fact, it was chiefly for the benefit of the poor that this free campaign was instituted—the rich can look out for themselves. Also, we would urge the superintendents of the cotton mills and heads of co-operative establishments generally to use their influence to have their operatives to

take the treatment—it will not interfere with their work in the mill, except possibly in a few instances—and even if it should, that is no reason for their not taking the treatment. It is better to lose a day or two than to take chances on losing several months with an attack of fever.

Another matter—Several have called me up asking me to make some special appointments to vaccinate schools etc. In reply to all these I wish to say: We have made the appointments with reference to the convenience of all, of course in some cases, because of their locations, some people will have to go a considerable distance to get the treatment, but if we change the appointments some others will have to do the same thing. In making out our itinerary we consulted the map and also those familiar with the different townships and tried to make the best arrangement possible. The state provides one man and an assistant. These are busy from Monday morning to Saturday night and they can not possibly fill any more appointments than they are at present. Your county physician had to take two appointments in order to get all the townships, so if you will stop and reflect a little you can readily understand why we cannot stop to give the schools etc. If we do that, we will have to disappoint those at the regular appointments. Everybody connected with it will have to make some sacrifices, and the people for whose benefit it is chiefly given ought to be willing to make some.

The hours are from 9 to 12 in the morning and from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. The men giving this are extremely busy as you can readily see if you will attend some of the appointments, so please be on hand promptly and follow the directions given as nearly as possible. It is a job of some magnitude to vaccinate three or four hundred in three hours. If you will consult the program you will notice that there are four appointments at each place, so those who failed to start this week can start next week and still get the three treatments. We will have to get \$600 to take the treatment in order to make Union the banner county and we can easily do it if all that need it will avail themselves of this opportunity. Even if students have to miss a part of a day from school, the benefit outweighs the disadvantage and all schools are in the same boat in this respect. We want all to take the treatment and we assure you that it is not our wish to discriminate against or in favor of anybody. If we could we would be glad to have an appointment in each neighborhood, but as that is impossible, people should make the best of the situation.

Monroe township ought to turn out in full force on Saturday. We ought to vaccinate 1500 every Saturday. Those in the various townships who fail to get treatment at their own appointment can come to Monroe and get it Saturday. Let's have a big crowd at the court house on that day.

S. A. STEVENS, County Physician.

JULY WEATHER BEAT THE RECORD

Weather Bureau Figures Just Compiled Show Month Unique in Rain-fall and Humidity.

Charlotte Observer. The month of July which closed meteorologically Monday night at midnight was a record breaker, not only in the amount of precipitation but in several other fundamental elements, as stated Local Forecaster Otto late Monday afternoon. It is needless to state that it has been the wettest July in the memory of man, but it has also been the wettest month in the history of the local Weather Bureau office, the total amount of precipitation being 16.55 inches. The heaviest 24-hour rainfall was 4.04 inches, which is also a new record for daily amounts of rainfall, the previous record having been 4.35 inches in May 1886. A monthly rainfall in excess of ten inches in this vicinity is exceedingly rare, that amount having occurred in but seven months during a 38-year period.

There has been but one July since an accurate record has been kept that has been cooler than the one just ended. The average temperature was 76.0 degrees, while the normal July should have an average of 78.7 degrees. This coolness was not due to any marked extremes, but to a steady deficiency, day by day. But two days during the month had a daily average temperature above the daily normal. The highest temperature during the entire month was but 89 degrees. Yesterday in breezy Chicago the highest temperature during the afternoon was 102 in the shade! The humidity, however, must not be forgotten. The average for the month was a little less than 85 per cent, which is the highest for any July in the past.

The highest wind velocity for a five minute period was 69 miles per hour, which is the second highest record for the month of July. But the swiftest mile passed at the rate of 74 miles per hour, which is the record velocity during the past.

The accumulated excess in precipitation at the present time is 8.96 inches which is the greatest accumulation for several years.

Farmer Harris On It. Charlotte Observer.

The rainy season has had the effect of making the cotton fields of North Carolina run to grass, but otherwise there has been no bad effect. The plant has attained a vigorous growth and with a few days of sunshine there will be a transformation in the general appearance of the fields. The farmers will be able to cut out the grass within a week's time. Grassy cotton is a thing they always hate because of the labor it involves and the added expense, but the cotton is there all right and once cleaned it has a way of growing at a great rate. The outlook for the cotton crop in this section of the belt is of the sort that makes the farmer feel chipper. It is altogether good.

BIG SALE! WHERE? WHY AT THE RED HOT RACKET.

BIG-REDHOT RACKET-SALE.

Lower Buford.

Correspondence of The Journal. Waxhaw, R. F. D. 5, July 31.—Crops are still looking bad. Corn is dying and cotton is doing no good.

On account of the rain a lot of people failed to attend the Bible Society at Tiroh last Saturday.

A goodly number of people from this side are attending the meeting at Bethlehem this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Belk attended the reunion at Mr. W. W. Norwood's last Friday. They reported a fine time.

Mr. Aaron Carnes and sister, Miss Stella, attended the Bible Society at Tiroh last Saturday.

We folks can't hardly stay at home for the mosquitoes. I think it is a mosquito cyclone.

Mr. Sam Tyson and Miss Kate Tyson were callers at Mr. W. B. Belk's Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Pratt Simpson and Ira Hallman motored through this section Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. George McNeely and Homer Tyson of College Hill spent Sunday in the Bethel community.

Mr. Wesley Deese of Waxhaw visited Mr. Stewart Starnes Saturday.

Mr. Bonner Todd was a pleasant caller at Mr. R. F. Tyson's Sunday.

News is scarce around here at present; but mosquitoes are certainly plentiful.

Hey! where is Wild Rose?

Mr. Thomas McBride was a pleasant caller at Mr. W. L. Belk's last Sunday.—Joy.

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